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In re the Application of: PETER MARK GREHLINGER ET AL Serial No.: 10/643,879 Filed: AUGUST 20, 2003 For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DYNAMICALLY CONTROLLING OPERATION OF RHEOMETRIC INSTRUMENTS	Art Unit: 2173 Examiner: VU, Kieu D.
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**DECLARATION OF JOHN P. BERTING
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

I, John P. Berting, do hereby declare and state as follows:


1. I am an inventor of the subject matter claimed in the above-captioned patent application.

The application correctly names Ronald F. Garritano, John P. Berting, and Peter Mark Grehlinger as joint inventors.

2. I have read and am familiar with the article titled "Integration of the rheometer into today's formulation laboratories," by A. Franck, published in *American Laboratory* in June 2002 ("the Franck article").

3. The subject matter described in the Franck article is the work of Ronald F. Garritano, Peter Mark Grehlinger, and myself.

4. At the time the article was written, each of the named joint inventors, as well as the author of the article, were employees of Rheometric Scientific, Inc. ("Rheometric"), the

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company named as the source of the product described in the article. The named joint inventors conceived of and invented the systems and products described in the Franck article while working for Rheometric.

5. Rheometric was acquired by Waters Investment Limited ("Waters"), the assignee of the present application, in early 2003. Pursuant to the acquisition, the present invention was assigned to Waters.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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